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Giuseppe Verdi was born at Róncole, near Busseto (Parma), on October 10, 1813, and died at Milan on January 27, 1901. He began to compose at the early age of 13, but all these youthful compositions are lost. At 18 Verdi proceeded to Milan in order to study counterpoint. Several of his compositions were performed at the house of Count Renato Borromeo. In the Autumn of 1839 (November 17th) his first lyrical drama, Oberto Conte di San Bonifacio, was brought out at the Scala Theatre, Milan. This was soon followed by Un giorno di regno (Scala Theatre, Milan, September 5, 1840), Nabucco (Scala Theatre, Milan, March 9, 1842), I Lombardi alla prima Crociata (Scala Theatre, Milan, February 11, 1843), Ernani (Fenice Theatre, Venice, March 9, 1844), I due Foscari (Argentina Theatre, Rome, November 3, 1844), Giovanna d'Arco (Scala Theatre, Milan, February 15, 1845), Alzira (S. Carlo Theatre, Naples, August 12, 1845), Attila (Fenice Theatre, Venice, March 17, 1846), Macbeth (Pergola Theatre, Florence, March 14, 1847), I Masnadieri (Theatre Royal, London, July 22, 1847), Jérusalem (I Lombardi, remodelled for the Académie Royale, Paris, November 26, 1847), Il Corsaro (Grand Theatre, Trieste, October 25, 1848), La Battaglia di Legnano (Argentina Theatre, Rome, January 27, 1849), Luisa Miller (S. Carlo Theatre, Naples, December 8, 1849), Stiffelio (Grand Theatre, Trieste, November 16, 1850), Rigoletto (Fenice Theatre, Venice, March 11, 1851), Il Trovatore (Apollo Theatre, Rome, January 19, 1853), La Traviata (Fenice Theatre, Venice, March 6, 1853), Les Vêpres Siciliennes (I Vespri Siciliani) (The Opéra, Paris, June 13, 1855), Simon Boccanegra (Fenice Theatre, Venice, March 12, 1857, and remodelled for the Scala, Milan, March 24, 1881), Aroldo (Stiffelio rearranged for the Teatro Nuovo, Rimini, August 16, 1857), Un Ballo in maschera (Apollo Theatre, Rome, February 17, 1859), La Forza del destino (Imperial Italian Theatre, St. Petersburg, November 10, 1862), Macbeth, remodelled (Lyric Theatre, Paris, April 21, 1865), Don Carlos (The Opéra, Paris, March 11, 1867), Aida (Teatro dell'Opera, Cairo, December 24, 1871), Otello (Scala Theatre, Milan, February 5, 1887) and Falstaff (Scala Theatre, Milan, February 9, 1893).

Besides this important collection of Lyric Operas, Verdi wrote in his youth several drawing room compositions. Later he produced L'Inno delle Nazioni for the Universal Exhibition, London, 1862, — Quartet for stringed instruments (Naples, 1873), Messa di Requiem, for Alessandro Manzoni, (1874), — Pater noster and Ave Maria, and finally at the advanced age of 85, four sacred pieces; Ave Maria, Stabat Mater, Laudi alla Vergine Maria and Te Deum.

The music of Italy owes to Giuseppe Verdi one of its most glorious periods.

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A LYRICAL DRAMA IN FOUR ACTS

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

OTELLO (a Moor, general in the Venetian army) Tenor IAGO (his ensign) Baritone CASSIO (his lieutenant) Tenor Tenor RODERIGO (a Venetian gentleman) LODOVICO (ambassador of the Venetian Republic) Bass MONTANO (predecessor of Otello in the government of Cyprus) Bass A HERALD Bass DESDEMONA (wife of Otello) Soprano EMILIA (wife of Iago) Mezzo-Soprano

Soldiers and Sailors of the Republic

Venetian Ladies and Gentlemen — Cypriot Men, Women and Children

Greek, Dalmatian and Albanian Soldiers — An Innkeeper

Four Inn Servers — People

PLACE - A SEAPORT IN CYPRUS

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GIUSEPPE VERDI

ATTO PRIMO. ACT I.

L'esterno del Castello.

Outside the Castle.

Una taverna con pergolato. Gli spaldi nel fondo e il mare. È sera. Lampi, tuoni, uragano.

A tavern with an arbour. In the background a yeay and the sea. It is evening. Lightning, thunder, hurricane.





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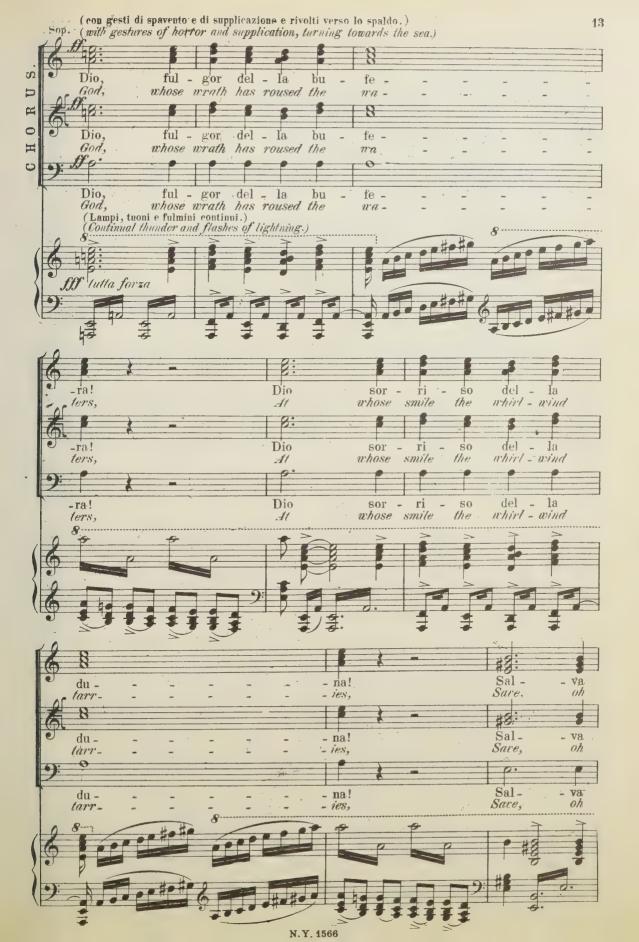


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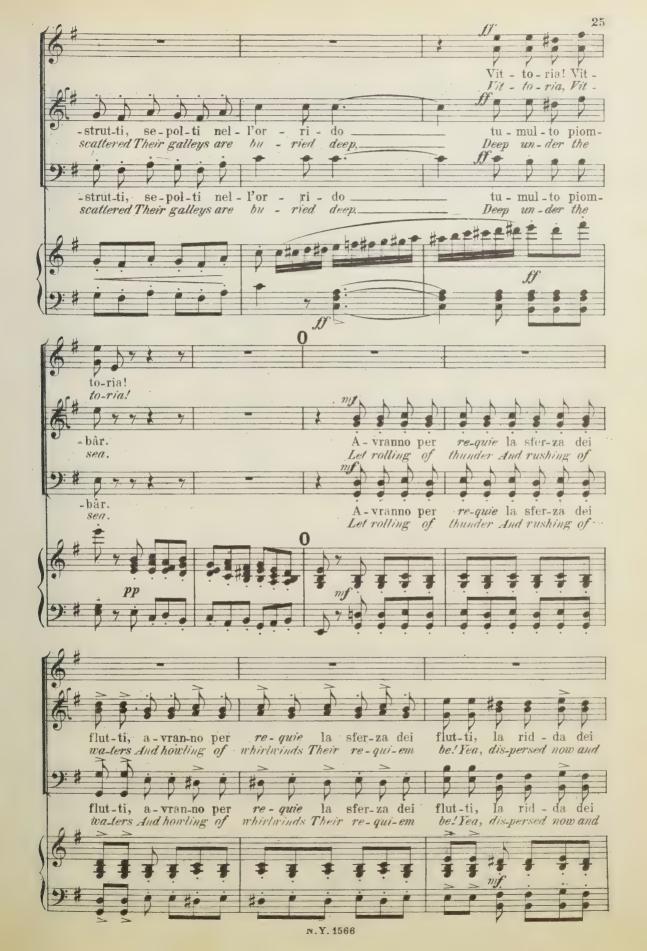


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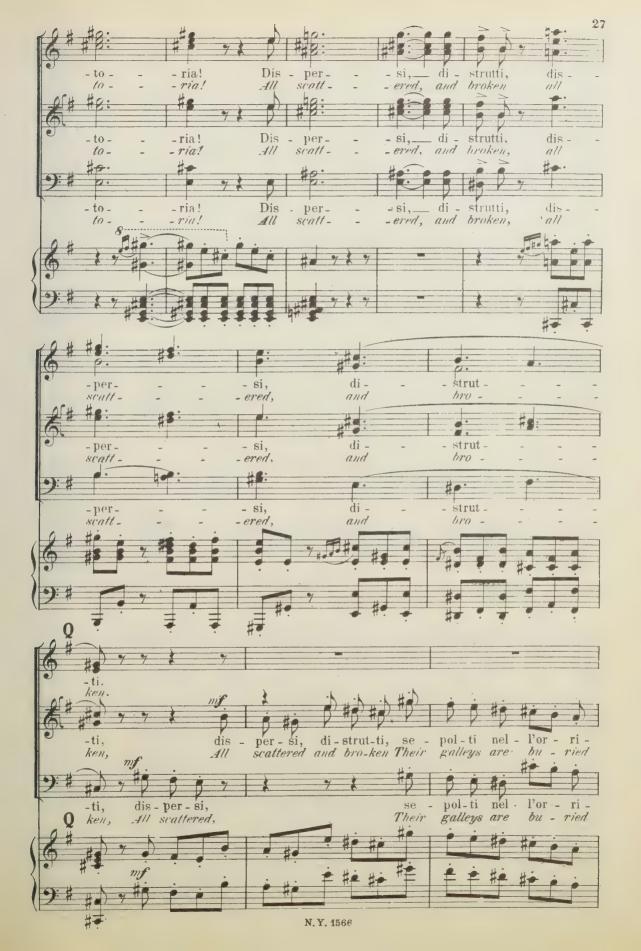


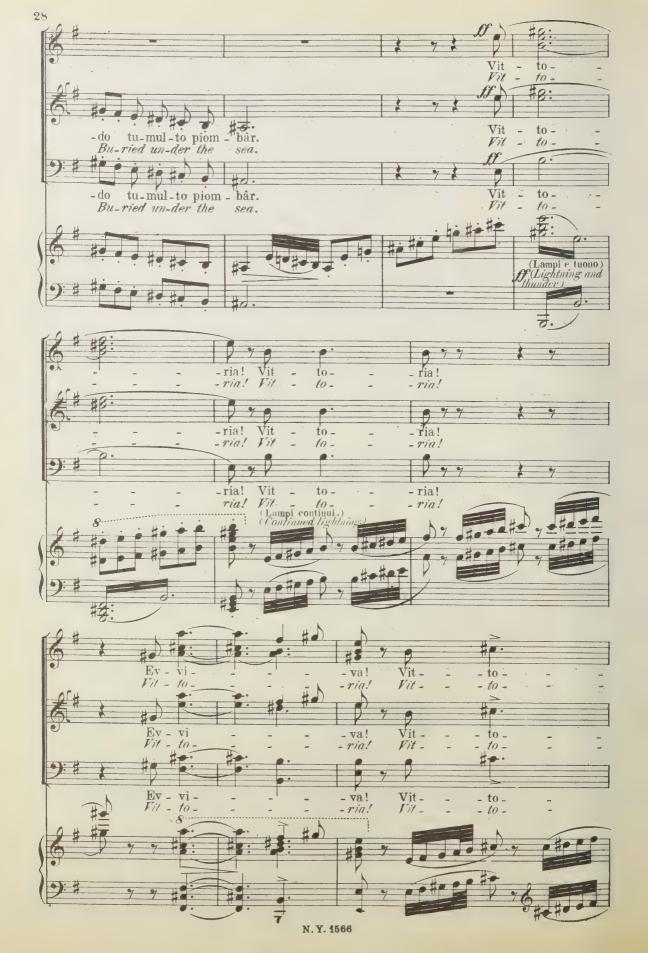
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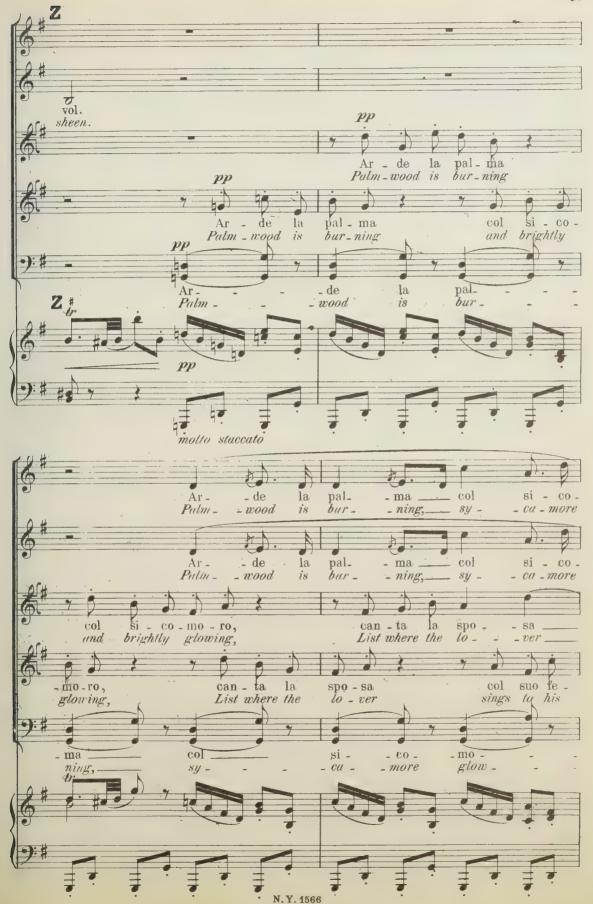








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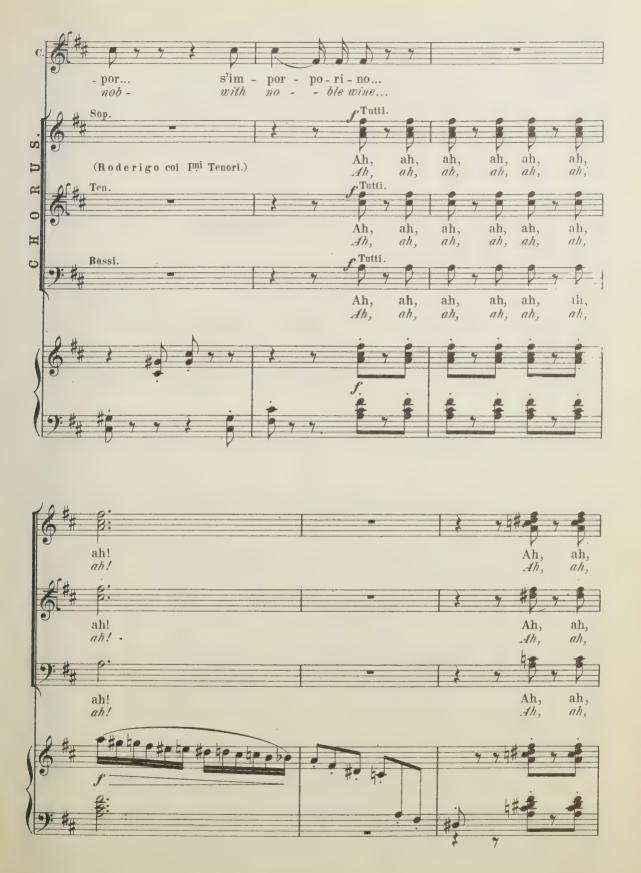


















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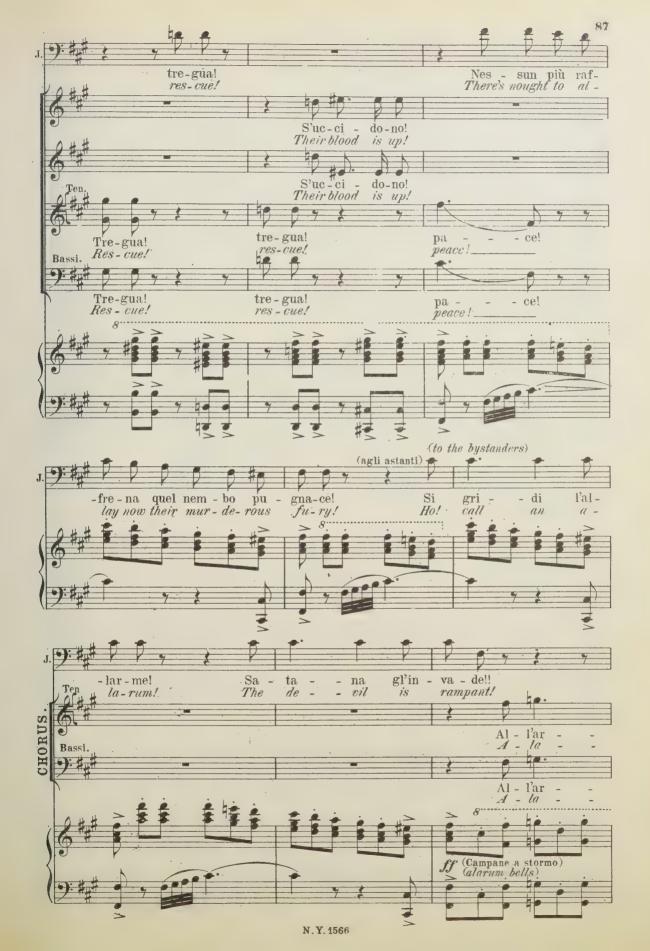
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(Roderigo esce correndo.)
(Exit Roderigo running.)











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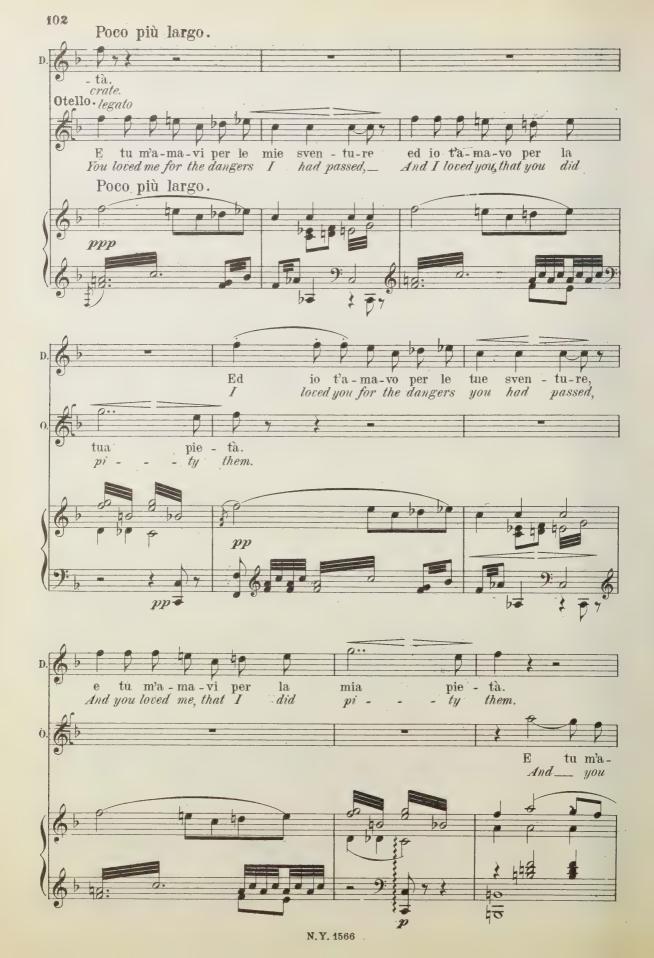
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End of the 1st Act.

ACT II.

Una sala terrena nel castello.

A Hall on the Ground Floor of the Castle.



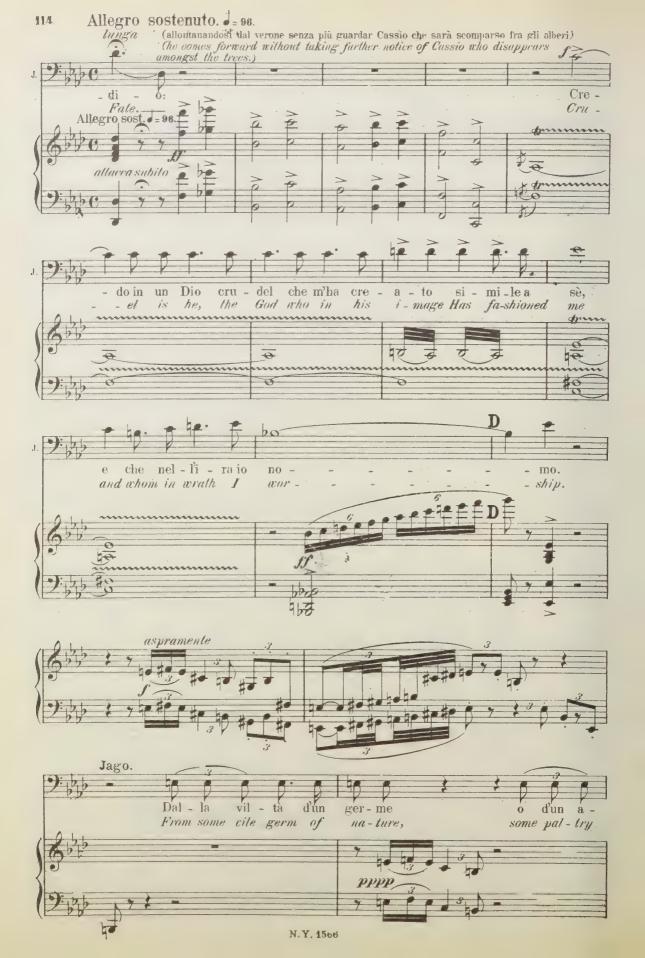




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(Si vede passare nel giardino Desdemona con Emilia. lago si slancia al verone, al di là del quale è appostato Cassio)

(Desdemona and Emilia are seen to enter the garden. lago goes toward the terrave beyond which

Cassio has taken his position.)









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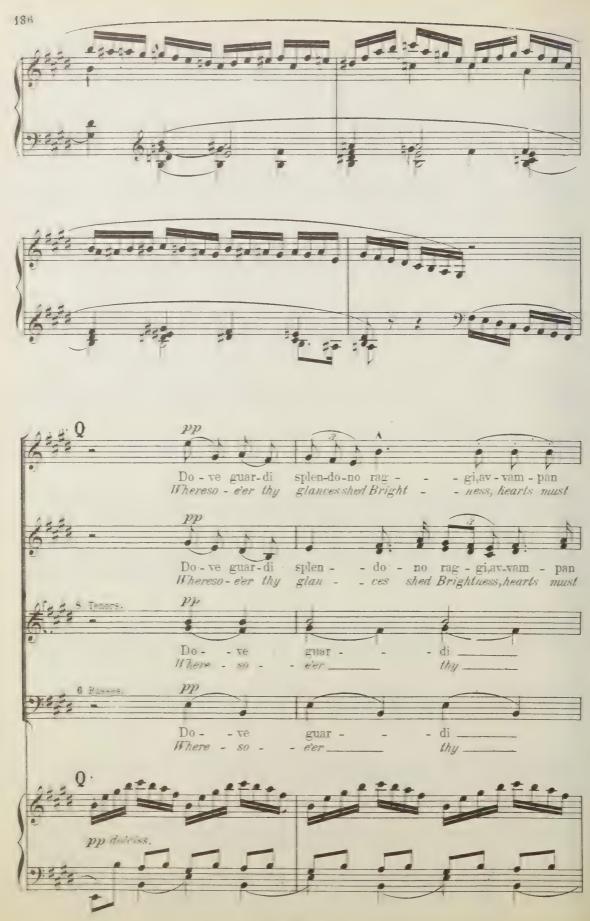
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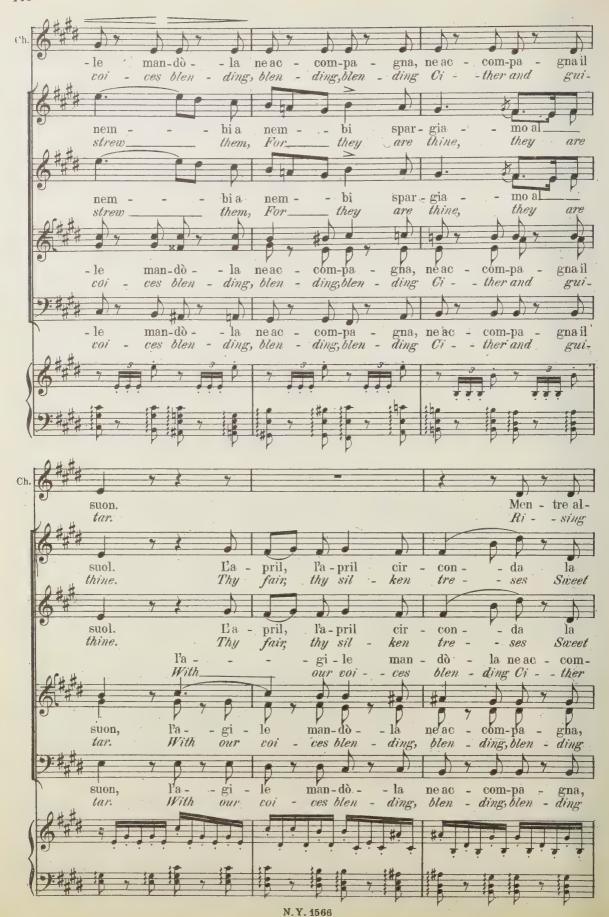
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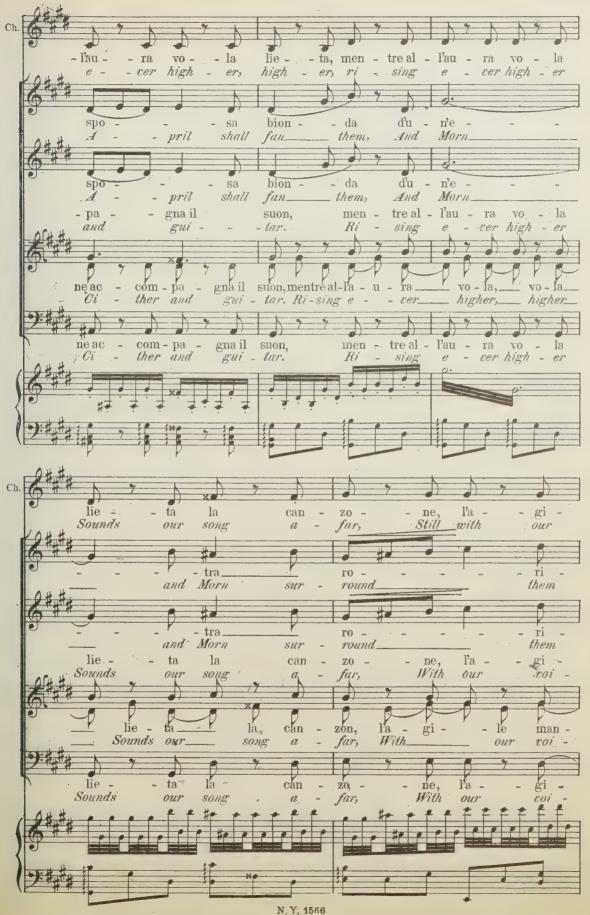


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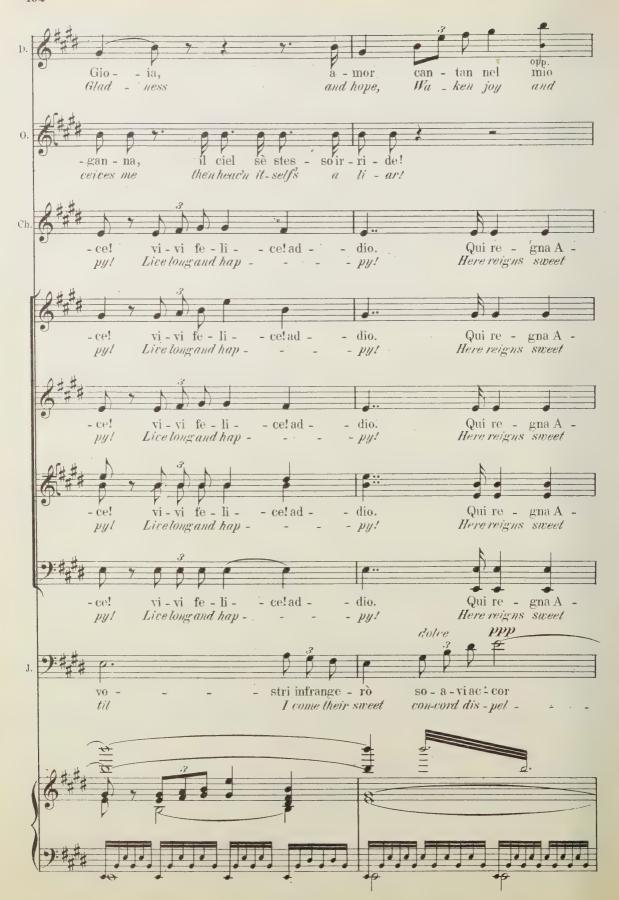






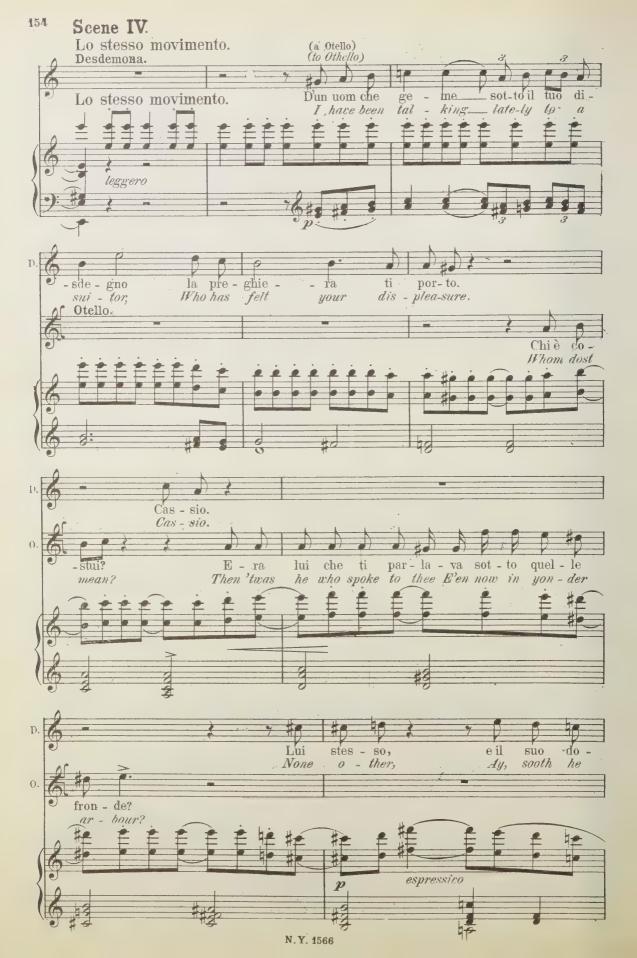






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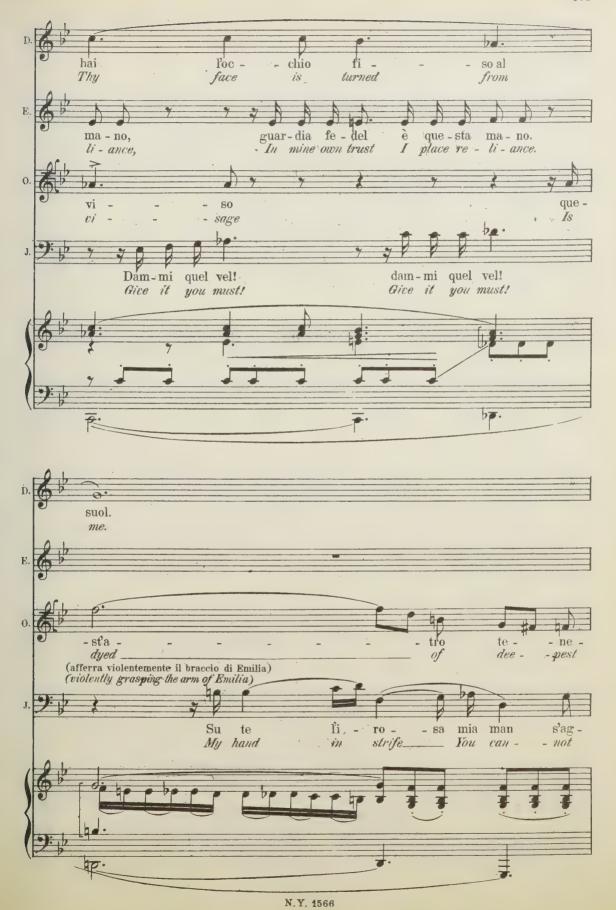


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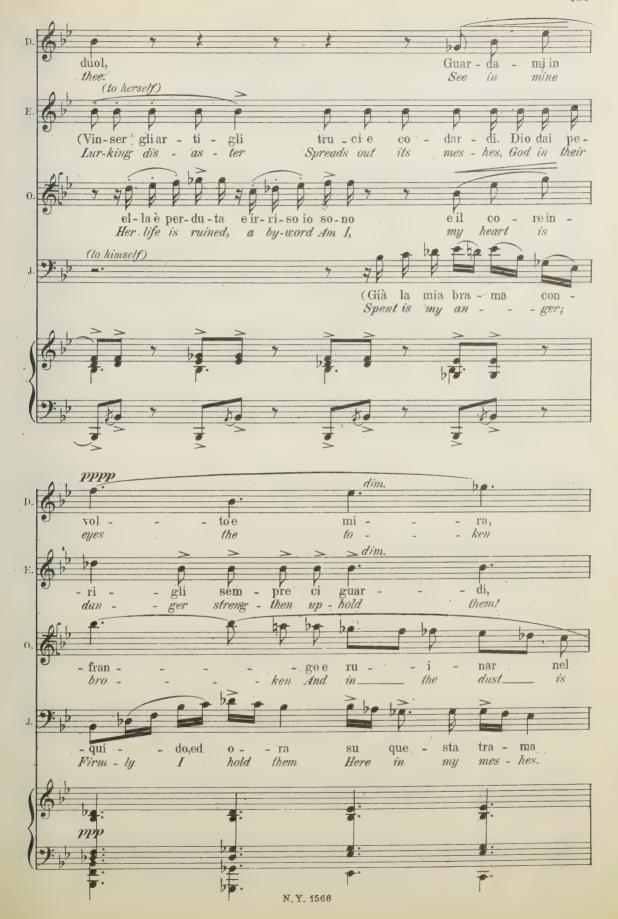


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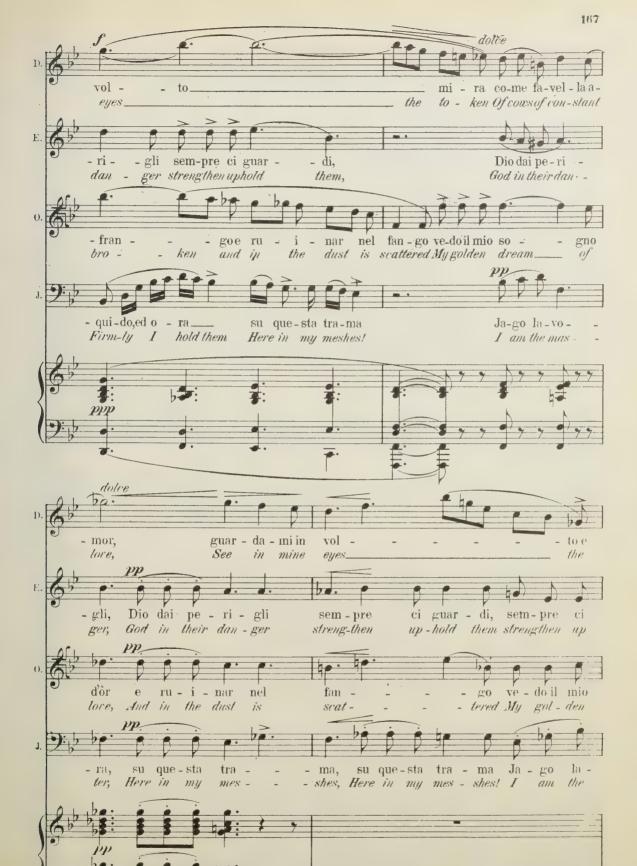


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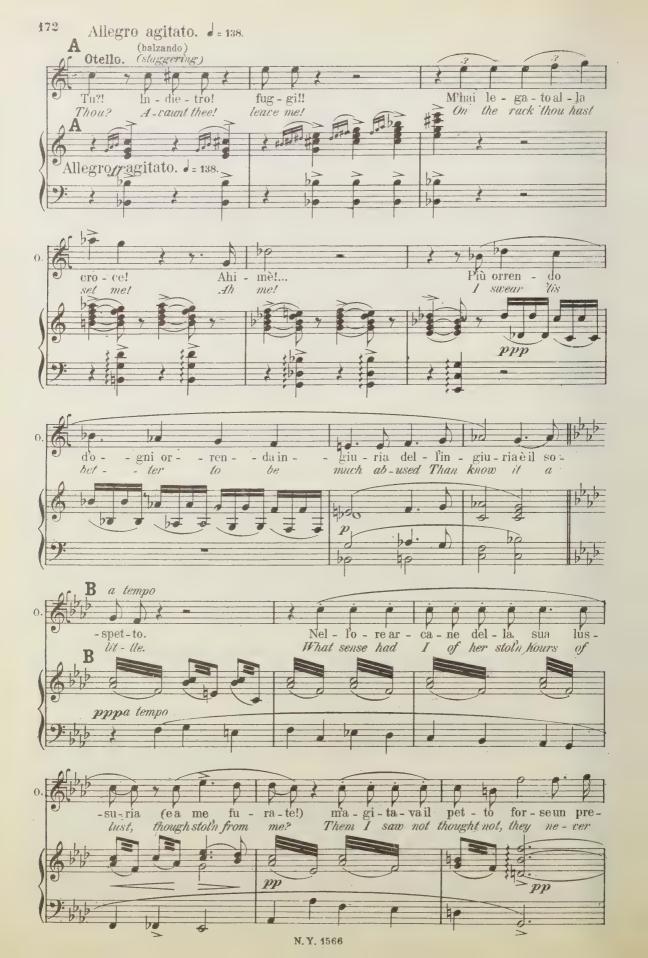








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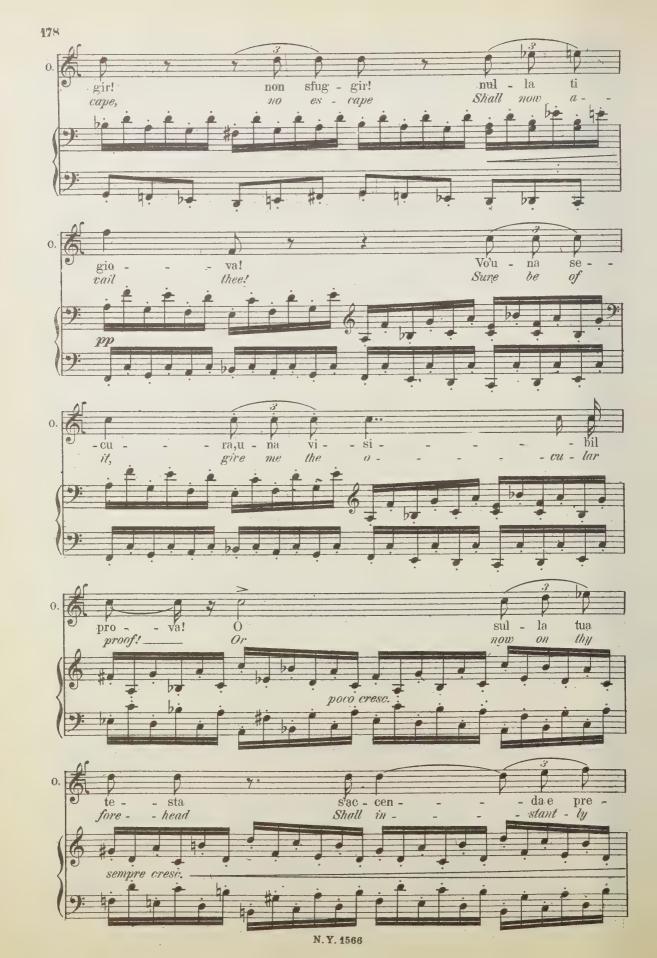


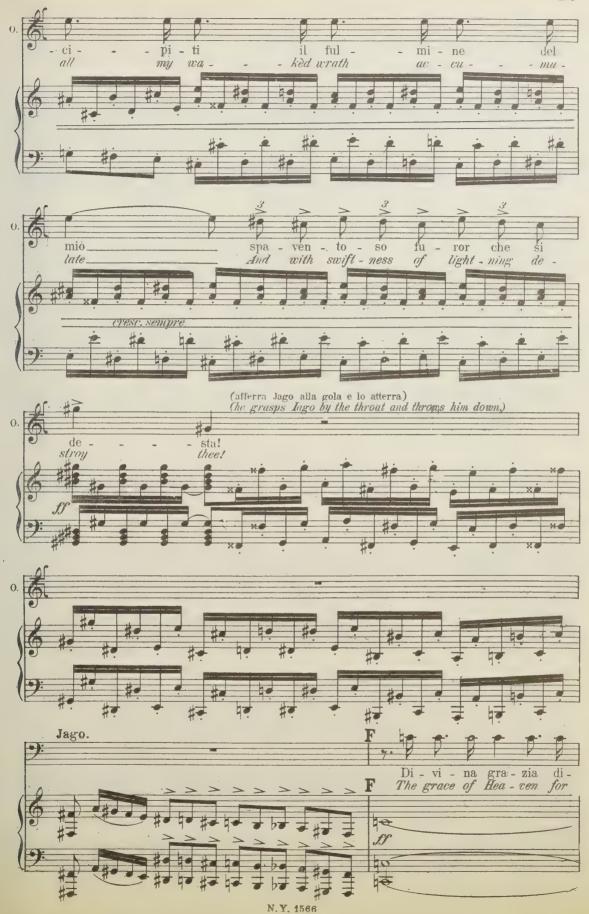
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Act III.

La-gran sala del Castello.

The great Hall of the Castle.

 Λ destra un vasto peristilio a colonne. Questo peristilio è annesso ad una sala di minori proporzioni: nel fondo un verone

To the left a large portico which leads to another smaller room; at the back a terrace.



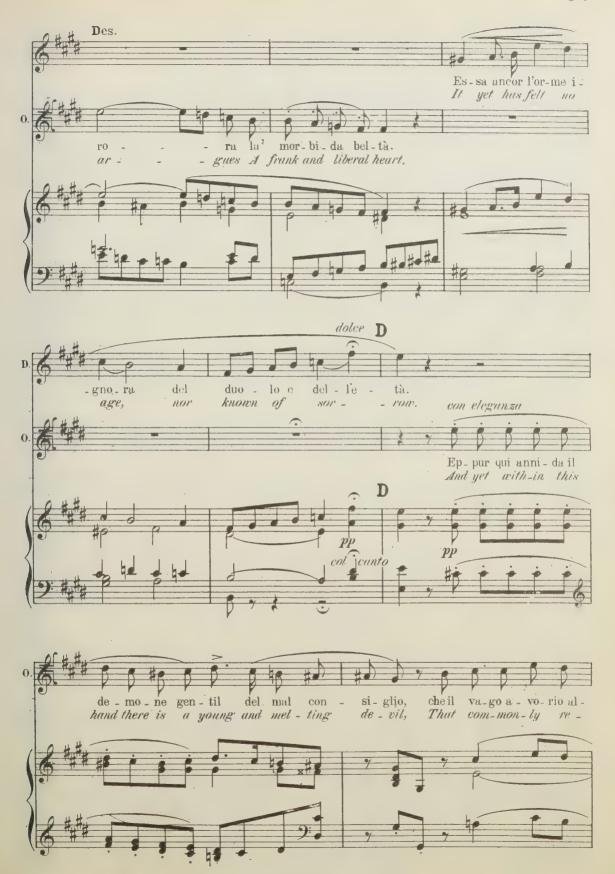


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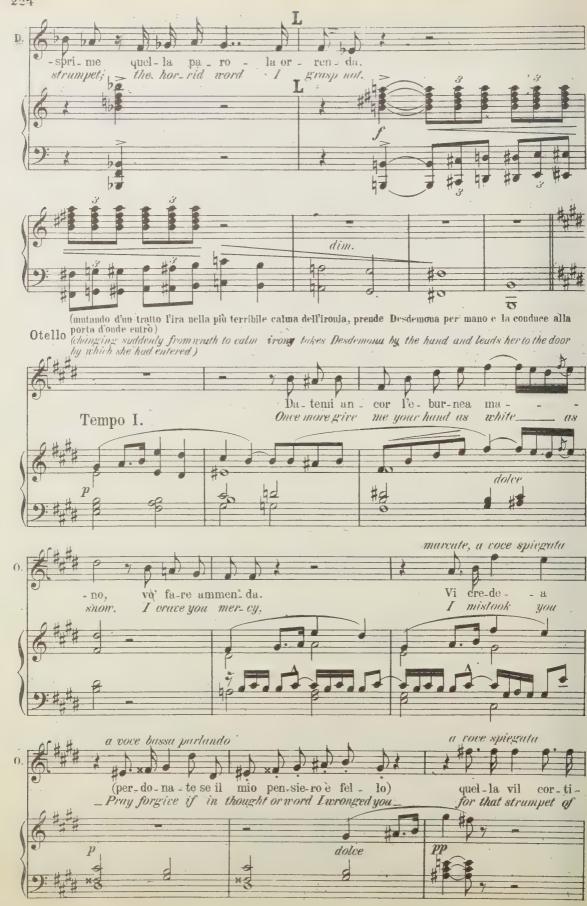
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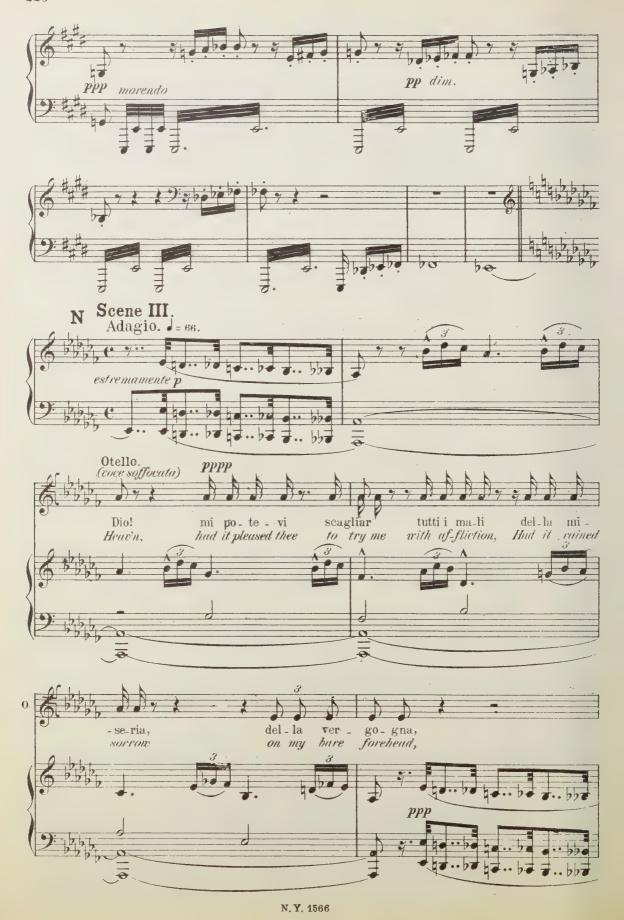


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(Otello sforza con un'inflessione del braccio, ma senza scomporsi, Desdemona ad escire. Poi ritorna verso il centro della scena nel massimo grado dell'abbattimento)
(Othello with a motion of his arm, but without changing his position pushes Desdemona out of the room. Then he returns to the centre of the stage in deep dejection)







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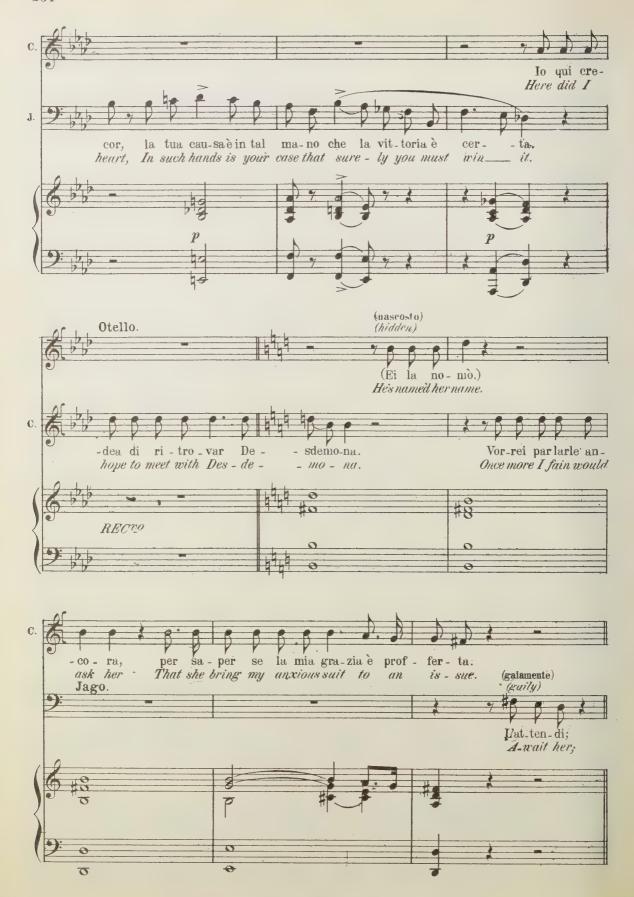


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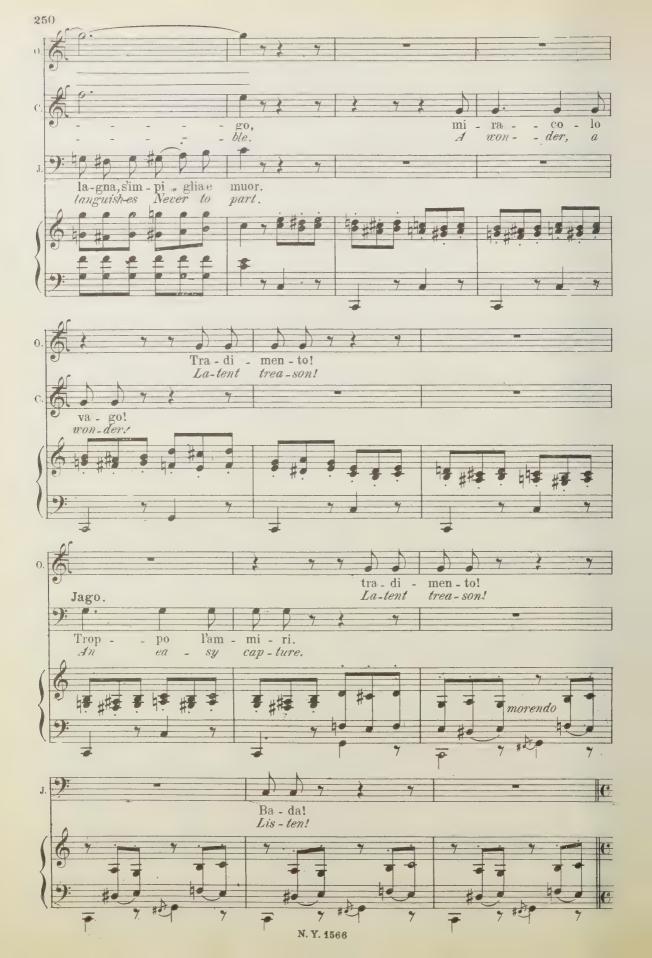
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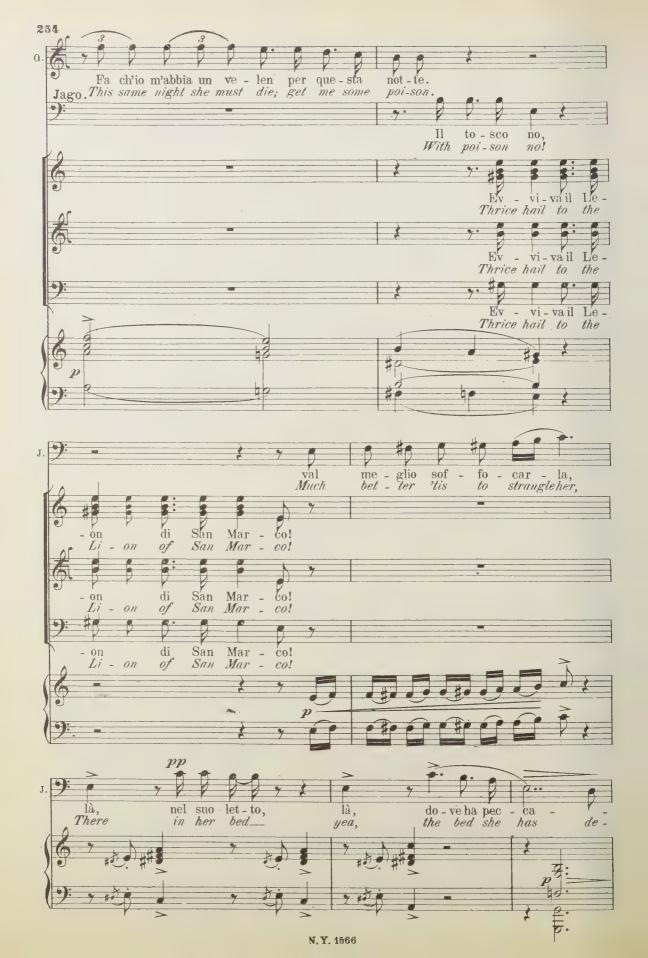


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Scene VII. (Entrano Jago, Lodovico, Roderigo, l'Araldo. — Desdemona con Emilia — Dignitari della Repubblica Veneta — Gentiluomini e Dame — Soldati — Trombettieri, poi Cassio.)

(Enter Ingo, Lodovico, Roderigo, the Herald. — Desdemona with Emilia — Dignitaries of the Venetian Republic — Gentlemen and Ladies, Soldiers, Trumpeters, afterwards Cassio.)

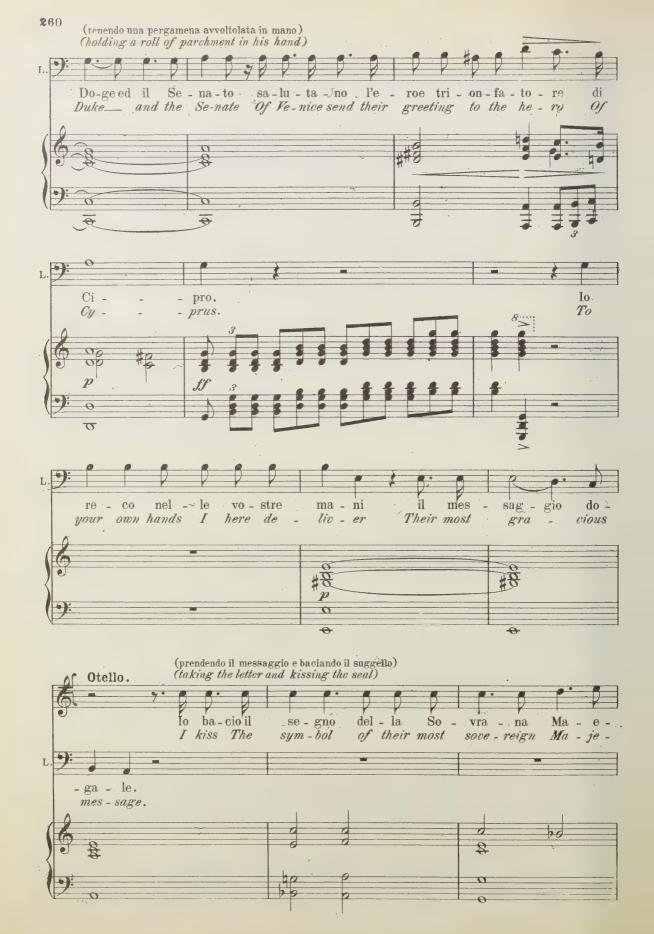




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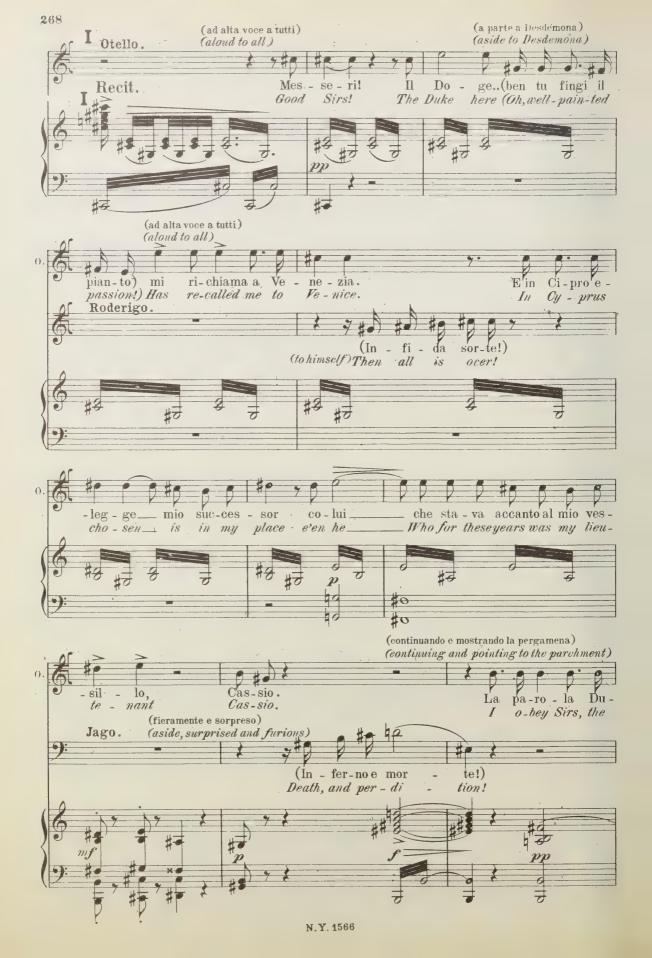
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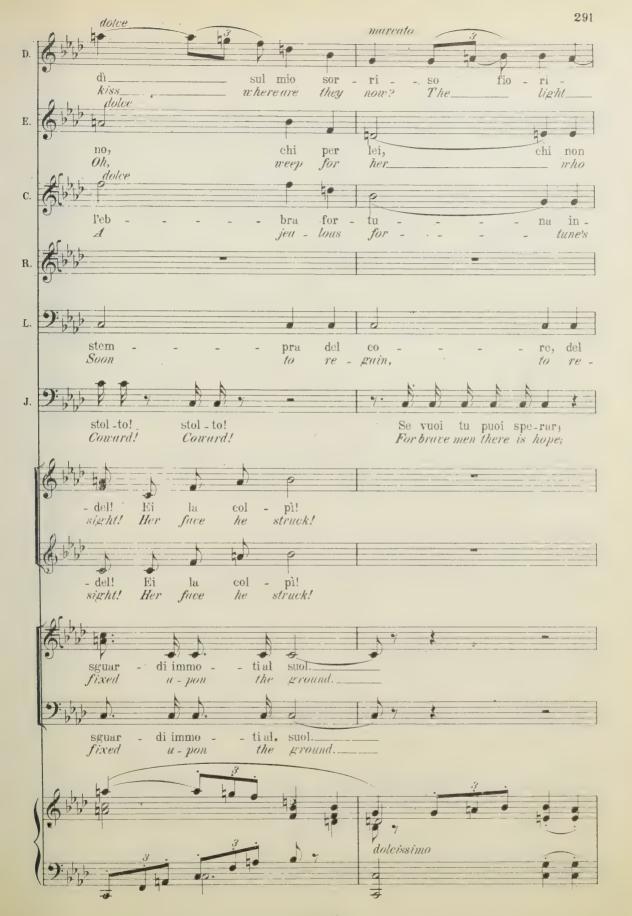
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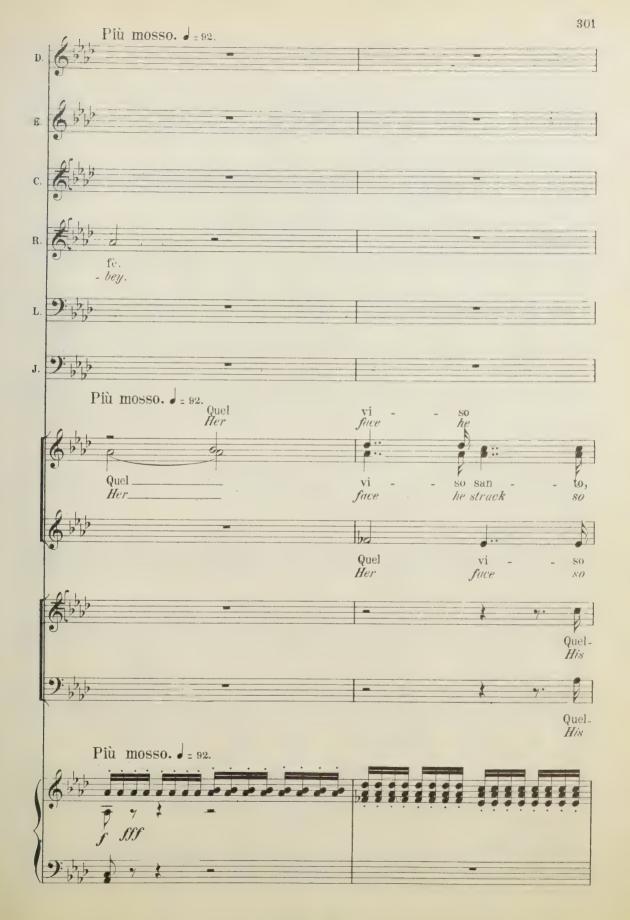
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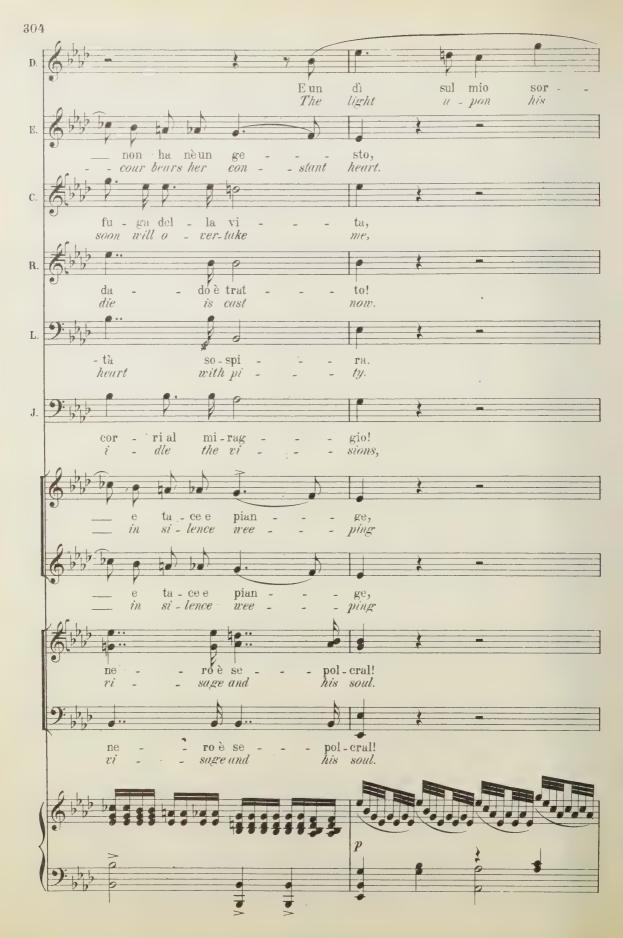


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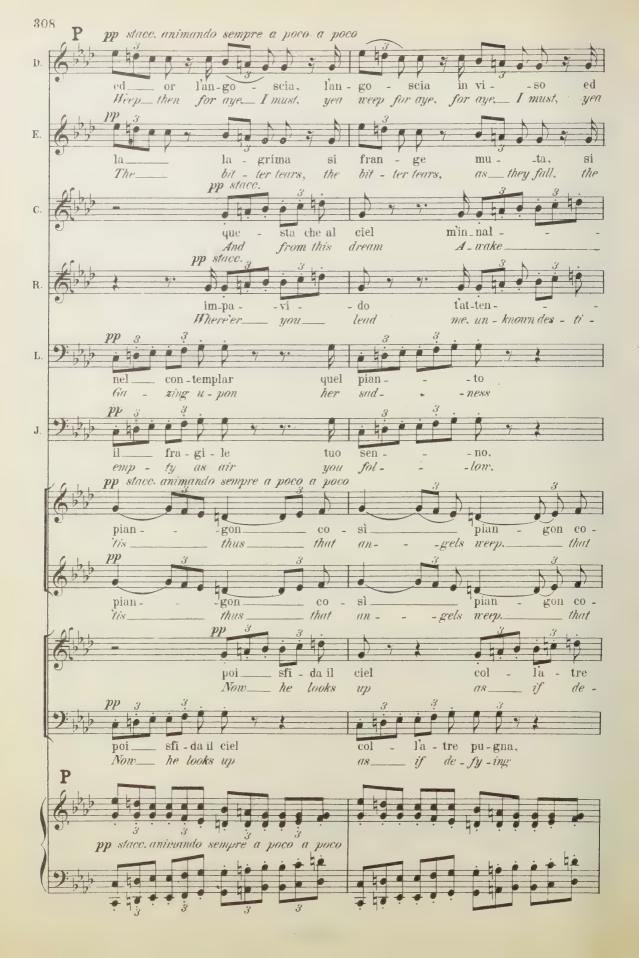
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ACT IV.

La Camera di Desdemona. The Bedroom of Desdemona.

Letto, inginocchiatoio, tavolo, specchio, sedie _Una lampada arde appesa davanti all'immagine della Madonna che sta al disopra dell'inginocchiatoio. _Porta a destra. Un lume acceso sul tavolo. È notte. A bed, prie _Dieu, table, looking _glass, chairs. A burning lamp is suspended in front of the image of the Mudonna, which is above the prie _Dieu. Door to left. A lighted candle on the table. It is night.





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